

Stakeholder Invitation

You are cordially invited to participate in a NJDEP Surface Water Quality Standards stakeholder meeting to discuss a potential draft proposal to revise criteria for bacterial quality, phosphorus, and ammonia.

The Department is planning to:

- Revise bacterial quality criteria for primary contact recreational fresh and saline waters based on USEPA's revised 2012 *Recreational Water Quality Criteria*; EPA-820-F-12-058;
- Extend Phosphorus criteria currently applicable to non-tidal freshwaters to all freshwaters and to include a backstop provision to ensure designated uses are protected where NJPDES dischargers have made a successful demonstration per the *Technical Manual for Phosphorus Evaluations for NJPDES Discharge to Surface Water Permits*; and
- Revise Ammonia freshwater trout and non-trout criteria based on USEPA's revised 2013 *Aquatic Life Ambient Water Quality Criteria for Ammonia – Freshwater*; 2013, EPA-822-R-13-001.

The Department is convening a stakeholder meeting to provide an opportunity to present information and solicit input regarding options for proposed revisions. This meeting will be held at the NJDEP Public Hearing Room, 401 East State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625 on April 15, 2015 from 9:30 – 11:30. Participation is by invitation only. Please RSVP to attend or assign a designee from your organization by contacting Dian Smith at dian.smith@dep.nj.gov or by calling (609) 633-1441 by April 10 2015. A meeting agenda will be forwarded shortly.